

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-14 as follows. A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

1. (currently amended) A wheelchair having two driven wheels ~~(40)~~ and at least one castor ~~(1)~~ which is mounted in a rotatable manner in a fork ~~(2)~~ which can be pivoted about a vertical axis ~~(H)~~, the fork ~~(2)~~ being connected to a steering linkage ~~(3, 3', 30)~~, wherein the connection between the fork ~~(2)~~ and the steering linkage ~~(3, 3', 30)~~ is releasable.
2. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein two castors ~~(1, 1a)~~ each mounted in a fork ~~(2, 2a)~~ are provided, the forks ~~(2, 2a)~~ being connected to one another via the steering linkage ~~(3, 3', 30, 3'', 3a)~~.
3. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the fork ~~(2, 2a)~~ is mounted such that it can be rotated about the vertical axis ~~(H)~~.
4. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fork ~~(2, 2a)~~ is mounted such that it can be rotated through 360°.
5. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the forks ~~(2, 2a)~~ can be blocked mechanically in relation to the steering linkage ~~(3, 3', 30, 3'', 3a)~~.
6. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 5, wherein the forks ~~(2, 2a)~~ are blocked in the straight-ahead position of the castors ~~(1, 1a)~~.

7. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in ~~one or more of the preceding~~ ¹claims, wherein the fork ~~(2, 2a)~~ is mounted, via a fork pin (4), in a bushing (5) connected to a frame ~~(20)~~.
8. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, which comprises a bolt ~~(12)~~ which can be pushed, transversely to the vertical axis (H), into a recess ~~(13)~~ provided in the fork pin (4).
9. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt ~~(12)~~ can be displaced counter to the force of a compression spring ~~(14)~~.
10. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt ~~(12)~~ can be displaced via a pivot-lever arrangement ~~(7, 8, 10)~~.
11. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt ~~(12)~~ can be displaced via a linearly displaceable lever ~~(15)~~, a pivot lever (8) acting on the lever ~~(15)~~.
12. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 11, wherein the lever ~~(15)~~ is provided with a run-on slope ~~(16)~~, which interacts with a radial shoulder ~~(12a)~~ provided on the bolt ~~(12)~~.
13. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 11, wherein the pivot lever (8) is mounted on a spindle (9) connected to the bushing (5).
14. (currently amended) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pivot lever (8) has a rounded protuberance at its front end.